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Reclamation and Taiwan Water Resources Agency Discuss Future Collaboration

Reclamation's International Affairs Office and the Technical Service Center hosted the 24th Annual Project Meeting between the Bureau of Reclamation and Taiwan's Water Resources on November 2, 2011 in Denver.



The annual meeting provides a forum whereby Reclamation and Taiwanese counterparts discuss technical work both completed and on-going into 2012; and discuss proposed 2012 and beyond work plan items.

The delegates also attended a presentation by Southern Nevada Water Authority and a site visit to Lake Mead lake tap site, located near Boulder City, Nevada. They were also provided a presentation and a site visit to Standley Lake, in Westminster, Colorado. The visit focused on the shaft, micotunnels, lake tap, and the submerged intake structure at the facility.

Mr. Feng-Rong Yang, Deputy Director General, was one of the nine visitors attending the meeting. Mr. Richard Ives, Reclamation's Native American and International Affairs Director, Mr. Lowell Pimley, Director, TSC and several TSC staff also attended the meeting.

Reclamation has been providing technical assistance and training to Taiwan in the areas of water resources management, planning, dam safety, review of dam designs, and construction techniques. Due to the steep topography in Taiwan, sedimentation at their reservoirs is a significant problem. Reclamation is currently assisting Taiwan with this problem by developing computer simulation models and engineering techniques to help control and reduce sediment inflow. Discussions related to ongoing work and future strategic and technical directions in the program were agreed on and a statement of work was signed.

